

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the existing claims with the following set of claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for inhibiting lipase activity in a mammal, said method comprising the step of: orally administering to said the mammal an anti-lipase avian antibody that decreases activity of lipase relative to a control, wherein said control does not receive said avian antibody.

2-4 (cancelled)

5-6 (withdrawn)

7 (cancelled)

- 8 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to the step of oral administering to the mammal said avian antibody, said avian antibody is produced in avian eggs.

9-10 (withdrawn)

11 (cancelled)

12-13 (withdrawn)

- 14 (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to the step of oral administering to the mammal said avian antibody, said avian antibody is first freeze dried or spray dried.

15-16 (withdrawn)

17 (cancelled)

- 18 (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said avian antibody is fed in powder form.

19-22 (cancelled)

23-24 (withdrawn)

25-30 (cancelled)

31 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said avian antibody is fed in liquid form as mixed whole egg or mixed yolk.

32-46 (cancelled)

47 (currently amended) A method of controlling weight gain in mammals by inhibiting limiting lipase activity, said method comprising the step of :

orally administering anti-lipase avian a quantity of antibody that decreases activity of lipase relative to a control. to the mammals, wherein said quantity of antibody requires an increase of more than approximately 35% in food intake to increase weight of the mammal by 1 gram.

48-50 (withdrawn)

51 (currently amended) The method of claim 47, wherein said step of orally administering anti-lipase avian antibody comprises orally administering said anti-lipase avian antibody in combination with the mammal's feed or food.

52-54 (cancelled)